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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO UP COAL PRODUCTION CALLS FOR REDUCTION IN COSTS AND CONSUMPTION

MINES TO INCREASE OUTFUT BY 33 PERCENT -- Budapest, Nepszava, 23 Dec 50

At a recent conference of coal mine executives, held in the Hungarian Ministry of Heavy Industry, the existing lag in coal output was discussed.

The conference recommended extension of the competitive work system and of the Stakhanovite movement and improved work-process analysis. Mechanization in the collieries will be increased and, as a result, the conference fore ast a 33.3 percent rise in coal output during 1951 as compared with 1950, w.ch 12 percent of the coal produced by means of mining combines and breaching machines. The conference also resolved to increase the number of shifts and to reduce costs by 3.84 percent in 1951.

The main problem in Hungary's coal mining industry is worker absenteeism, which, according to the conference, accounted for the loss of 25,600 tons of coal per month in 1950.

TO RAISE OUTPUT, CUT CONSUMPTION -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 1 Dec 50

Responding to the exhortations of Matyas Rakosi, the Hungarian coal miners are increasing their production. At Mecsekszabolcs in the Pecs area, many coal miners have exceeded the Stakhanovite records.

Thus far /exact time not specified, the following amounts of coal have been saved: at the Miskolc roundhouse of the Hungarian State Railroads, 1,216 tons; at the Satoraljaujhely roundhouse, 235 tons; and at the Banrev roundhouse, 137 tons.

The Stakhanovite movement is gaining momentum at the Ozd coal mines. Stakhanovite Sandor Ribanszky is making the rounds of the shafts, teaching Stakhanovite techniques. As a result, quota fulfillment of several brigades rose as high as 182 percent.

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In general, the mines urgently need handtrucks, the manufacture of which has been slowed down due to the inadequate production of truck wheels. To correct this deficiency, several large plants, such as the Matyas Rakosi Works, Steel Castings and Pipe Works, Salgotarjan Steel Products, Maszolaj Hungarian-Soviet Oil Company, Szombathely Machine Works, Torokszentmiklos Machine Works, etc., have recently undertaken the serial manufacture of mine truck wheels.

PUSHES MANUFACTURE OF MINING MACHINERY -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 1 Dec 50

The Hofherr Tractor Works recently completed plans for the serial manufacture of coal combines. It is expected that several coal combines will be placed in operation by the end of March 1951.

An improved Seman breaching machine has been placed in operation and the Palfalva Mining Machinery Works is planning to begin serial production of the Seman breacher in the near future.

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